

## Minutes – Joint Meeting

### Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID June 11, 2009

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Attendance: HED Committee Members Present: John Tronson, Chairperson; Shawn Ingram, Hilary Royce, Dan Chismire. Not Present: Thaddeus Smith, Carol Massie, Stephanie Houfek. SVBID Committee Members Present: Richard Falzone, Fred Rosenthal, Travis Serpa, Fabio Conti. Not Present: Brian Folb. Liaisons: Senior Lead Officer Danny Pesqueira, LAPD; Steve Seyler, Joe Salazar, Andrews International; Will Rivera, LA City Attorney's Office; Deputy Jerry Hankerson, LA County Sheriff. Guests: Asha Greenberg, LA City Attorney's Office; Noel Hyun, CD-13; Patrick Russell, The Robert Green Company; Darcy Judd, Jennifer Cordsen, Robertson Properties. Staff: Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani Jr., Hollywood Property Owners Alliance.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Tronson at 10:10 a.m.
- II. Public Comment: Ron Radachy reported that he has noticed an increase in homeless individuals in Hollywood. A resident from the Triangle Square apartments reported on noise issues emanating from the municipal parking lot and the nearby clubs.
- III. Minutes: **It was moved by Hilary Royce, seconded by Richard Falzone and CARRIED to approve the minutes from the Joint Security Committee's May 14, 2009 meeting. Abstained: Shawn Ingram**

#### IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International: Joe Salazar presented to the committee a report that detailed Andrews activities from the period of May 4, 2009 - June 7, 2009. Salazar also updated the committee on some notable arrests that had occurred within the area, and mentioned that Andrews is working with LAPD Vice to better inform liquor stores to not sell alcohol to customers who are already intoxicated.

B. Report from LAPD: Officer Pesqueira informed the committee that the trees around the cameras had been cut with the help of the BID. The cameras are being utilized every Friday. Officer Pesqueira also reported that property crime in the "box area" is currently down 41%.

C. Report from City Attorney: Will Rivera reported that he is continuing to work with nightclubs and the CPAB committee to help mitigate nightclub issues in the area. Rivera will also be attending the June 25, 2009 Project Connect Day, where he will be working with other City Attorneys at the HALO Citation Clinic table. Rivera is also currently working on some issues related to some of the schools in the area, one of which was recently robbed.

D. Report from LA County Sheriff: Deputy Hankerson reported that the Sheriffs have been spending a lot of time focusing on quality of life and security issues in relation to the Red Line.

V. New Business

A. Overview of Situation Involving Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in Los Angeles: Noel Hyun, CD13, gave the committee a brief background on the history of legalizing marijuana dispensaries and an overview on how the medical card system works. Asha Greenberg, Office of the City Attorney, also reviewed with the committee the moratorium which was passed in 2007, that stated that clinics opened after that date could no longer remain open unless they had filed a hardship application. Greenberg informed the committee that some of these clinics are not being operated properly and may have their hardship applications denied in City Council. Hyun reported that the city is working on adopting a permanent policy and trying to create some guidelines to allow the city to have more oversight over the prescription/recommendation process and to better regulate where clinics open up in relation to schools and locations adjacent to youth services.

B. Proliferation of 9-11 Tags: Mariani reported that there was a series of reoccurring graffiti that has been occurring in both BIDs. Andrews International and the LAPD have been alerted to the problem by several community members and are currently working together to try and find the individual(s) responsible for the tags.

C. Report on Late Night Incidents at Arclight Parking Structure: After some recent incidents that occurred at the Dome Parking structure involving patrons to local clubs in the area Darcy Judd felt she should inform the committee as to what was occurring. Officer Pesqueira asked Judd to please contact him so that LAPD can try and be of some help.

D. Tour of LAPD Jail Division: Morrison invited all those who were interested to attend a tour of the LAPD Jail Division with Captain Farrell on June 29, 2009. Committee members were asked to RSVP directly to the BID office.

VI. Old Business

A. Project Y!MBY Homeless Connect Day: Mariani invited all those who are able to volunteer to take part in this year's Project Y!MBY Homeless Connect Day. The event will take place on Thursday, June 25, 2009 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Music Box theater.

B. Informal Project 20: Morrison mentioned that the BID is working with the Department of Mental Health who is attempting to identify 20 of the more vulnerable mentally ill homeless people in the BID area. These individuals were interviewed in the

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field on June 11, 2009 by the Department of Mental Health with the help of PATH and Andrews International. The goal of the project is to try and put these individuals in contact with service providers who would possibly be able to help them transition from the streets.

C. Meeting with Downtown DC Homeless Outreach Coordinator: Morrison gave the committee some background on the clinical approach to outreach that is done in the DC BID. Morrison is in the process of researching if it is a possibility to do something similar in Hollywood, earmarking some funds from the BID security budget toward this specialized outreach and intervention. Morrison will share the results of her research for the committee's consideration at a future meeting.

VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting will take place on Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 10 a.m. in suite 200 of the Taft Building (1680 Vine St., Los Angeles, CA. 90028).

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.